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To: Maine COVID-19 Vaccine Providers
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Subject: Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine Expiration Extension
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The FDA has approved an amendment to the EUA for Pfizer-BioNTech extending the expiration dates of COVID-19 Vaccine from six to nine months.

FOR VACCINE KEPT IN ULTRA-COLD STORAGE ONLY: Cartons and vials of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine with an expiry date of August 2021 through February 2022 printed on the label may remain in use for 3 months beyond the printed date as long as authorized storage conditions between -90°C to -60°C (-130°F to -76°F) have been maintained. Please note: the ultra-cold temperature range has been broadened to include -90° C (-130°F). Frozen vials stored at -25°C to -15°C and refrigerated vials (2°C to 8°C) are **NOT** eligible for extension.

Updated expiry dates for vaccine maintained in ultra-cold storage are shown below.

Printed Expiry Date	Updated Expiry Date
August 2021	November 2021
September 2021	December 2021
October 2021	January 2022
November 2021	February 2022
December 2021	March 2022
January 2022	April 2022
February 2022	May 2022

The extended expiration date is effective immediately for all currently available batches that have not yet expired. **NOTE:** Expiration dates extension does NOT apply to vials dated July 2021 and earlier

No changes have been made to the vaccine itself to enable extension of expiry dating. This change is based on stability data generated on batches manufactured over approximately the past nine months of COVID-19 vaccine development, from the batches that supplied early clinical trials through the commercial scale batches currently in production.

Currently available vaccine will not have an updated NCD. Please refer to the current [EUA Fact Sheet for information.](#)

Additional information on Pfizer storage and handling may be found at: [Administration Overview for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine | CDC](#)